

With Energy Upgrade California and the HERO Financing Program There's No Better Time for Home Improvements

If you've been putting off that renovation project to make your home more energy efficient, or wanted to install a solar electricity or hot water system but thought it would be too expensive, Western Riverside County residents can now take advantage of two programs aimed at making energy improvements more affordable.

Energy Upgrade California is your one-stop-shop for up to \$4,000 in utility incentives for qualifying home improvement projects that can lower your energy bills, make your home healthier and more comfortable, and conserve water, energy, and natural resources.

Your first step is to select an Energy Upgrade California participating contractor you'd like to work with to plan the project that is right for your home and your budget. These participating contractors can walk you through the process, coordinate and complete the work, and help you receive an incentive. Visit the Energy Upgrade California website at www.energyupgradeca.org and enter your zip code to get started.

Homeowners may also qualify for the Home Energy Renovation Opportunity, or HERO financing program, offered by the Western Riverside Council of Governments exclusively to their residents. The HERO program provides access to relatively low-interest financing for eligible energy and water efficiency projects and renewable energy products like solar systems.

Unlike traditional financing, HERO loans are added to the property as an assessment. Loan payments are included as part of the home's property tax bill. That means that the loan remains with the home even if the home is sold and that credit history is not a criteria for qualification.

Homeowners can apply for HERO financing whether or not they are taking advantage of the Energy Upgrade California program. Learn more about the HERO program at www.wrcog.herofinancing.com or by calling (877) 747-4889.

As part of the Community Energy Partnership*, the City of Moreno Valley is working with Southern California Edison and the Southern California Gas Company to encourage Western Riverside County residents and businesses to take advantage of money and energy saving programs like these. Information about additional energy efficiency incentives is available at www.sce.com and at www.socalgas.com.

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